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WHO MENTIONED JOHN BARNES?

Due to the complexities of work, babies and general domestic duties the staff at Nnewsletter Towers have been about as rare as a Dundee United win against Celtic. Not anymore, we hear you say.....and how right you are.

Anyway, we have managed to get together for a critical review of yesterday's outing by our hooped (well actually thon white strip with the natty tartan shorts which the VeePee likes) heroes against a team managed by, Craig Levine, the future Scotland manager (or as was pointed out, a man who looks and dress's like he should be gathering up the trolley's in the car park at Asda) . So without further ado, here we go.....

Dundonian Ayrabs 2 Celtic 1

Goals

One of those rare penalties where there was absolutely no doubt about it. Dodd's thigh proved too big a hurdle for Barry Robson's peely wally leggies to clear. Pen. To be fair, oor Barry slotted it away with some efficiency. One nil to those natty tartan shorted bhoys.

Alas, all that did was enrage the Ayrabs and they did exactly what we feared they would do – exploited our Achilles backbone – central defence. Defensively, to concede a goal from any set piece is careless, to lose two is downright negligence. However, that being said if we'd taken our chances in the first half we'd have been cruising by that time. Mind you if my Dad's sister had gonads.....

Anyway, marks for the game:-

ZALUSKA.....7 Not got the panache of THG but not given to having bomb scare moments either. Couldn't be faulted for either of the goals.

HINKEL.....5 The German version of Danny McGrain when he's going forward. Unfortunately, he shows a tendency to turn into the German version of Danny McGrain's granny when somebody runs at him.

LOOVENS.....4 Was thrown about like a rag doll at set pieces, lacked general awareness and in general had a 'mare. Has the CD confidence crisis taken root in Glenn's comfy clogs too?

CALDWELL..... 4 Does Heed think he's got Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility to protect him from the ref seeing all the blatant fouls he commits every game? (Yet) Another not very good display from the Bhoys who thinks he's worth a lorra, lorra money.

FOX..... 4 Some of his "passing" (we think that's what it was meant to be) was just A-trocious. At least wee Lee Naylor hasn't got annoying tribal tattoo's and can find a hooped shirt with every one ball in three.

ROBSON.....5.5 Anybody who's read George Orwell's Animal Farm will see parallels between oor Barrie and Boxer the horse. However, ran around and intimidated in a thinking man's Broonie sort of way.

N'GUEMO..... 7 The young, gifted (?) and black Neil Lennon put in a good workmanlike shift (for a change)

CROSAS.....6 Not getting a game because of payment clauses with Barca? Stuff and nonsense! Leave that to FC Bankrupt over in Govan, we say. Anyway, Wee Marky Marc once more looked composed on the ball. Just wished there was more to say than that.



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McGEADY..... 7 MOTM Looked to be "interested" for most of the match. Always there to provide an option. Pity there was rarely ever anybody there to receive.

McDONALD.....4 This reporter now quite firmly in the Jimmy Logan "*lazy, moanin', wee Ozzie shite*" camp. Anybody else notice his complete refusal to look along the line everytime we make an attacking move?

FORTUNE.....3 Never thought we'd say this, but come back JVoH – all is forgiven. A feckin La-ment-a-feck-ble performance.

SUBS

SAMARAS (for Fortune).....4 One poor striking effort for another.

McGINN (for SMcD)..... 4 We like him despite the fact was totally ineffective today.

2. THE RFMCSC / TIP

A reasonable crowd watched a near faultless TIP TV transmission of the game. Unlike previous outings, beer consumption was down. Are the RFMCSC becoming a bunch of shandy lightweights? Read on:-

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| The Bowman | - | In attempt to track oor GB down, a picture of him will be appearing on milk cartons next week |
| Drew | - | Stood Caesar like, amid much tee-total adversity (ie. Coca cola, fizzy water and, shock, orange juice) and valiantly tried to dispel the shandy lightweights myth – and nearly succeeded. Well done, Big Fella. |
| Brucinho | - | After looking at setting up a RFMCSC (Buzios Chapter) is now scouting out Petropolis. How come the Treasurer gets all these holidays, eh? |
| Fidel | - | The Paula Radcliffe of the RFMCSC. |
| Padraig | - | Move over Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and all the rest of the Geek world. Techno-Fla is taking over. |
| Sam the Prod | - | Too busy tending to the TIP flower garden to notice the fitba. Dare we say it, the boy's getting green-fingered. |
| Texas Jimmy | - | The original Texas Tornado breezed in from Ghana just specially to watch the game. Now that's what we call commitment! |
| Chris Dean | - |couldn't come.....stop sniggering in the back row..... |
| Flavio / Marianna | - | How many years do final exams last in Brasil? |
| Raimundão | - | The "Silent Man" of the RFMCSC (we wish) |
| John Bradley | - | Apparently needed shades for his sair heed and thon new bumble bee tap. |
| Dave Lennie | - | Hope is now rapidly fading for all who sail in the good ship Lennie? |



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- Jim Grogan - The political wing of the RFMCSC is currently away on business in Aviemore. Hurry back, Jim.
- Visitors - Alan the Arab and 100% of the DUFC supporters club (Belgian Branch). Yes, all two of them. Good on ye boys.

3. RFMCSC EVENTS

1) General

We're at home to Saint Helen Mirren, next Saturday, 13:00. We'll be there. Will you?

2) Turkey Ar La

Yes, it's that time of year again. The RFMCSC Annual Xmas Bash (or Turkey Ar La as it's known) is upon us. Yes, a time for overeating, drinking too much and falling out over the TV remote – in fact pretty much like every other game at the TIP. Only this one there'll be a slap up meal, prize raffle, surprise guests and more, much, much more. Names in by the Hapoel Tel Aviv game, 05 Dec.

3) TIP Tart Up

Uncle Drew's got his hammer and drill ready, Fidel's got his eyes levelled and Brucinho's going to supervise (whatever that means). Yes, it's finally happened the Celtic corner of the TIP is expanding. Pictures, shirts, programs and other memorabilia, merrybil, memø nick nacks will be going up this weekend. Come and see them.

4. FUNDRAISING

1) General

Poor match attendances have affected takings over the past few games, we need to turn this around. This will not happen without **YOUR** support.

2) The Rio Celtic BC

Thanks mainly to **your** efforts, the five teams are doing well. Results for the past few weeks have been:-

Oct 31

FRUDINHA (Infants) - **CELTIC** 0 X 1 BOTAFOGUINHO
 PRE-MIRIM (U-11's)- **CELTIC** 2 X 2 BOTAFOGUINHO
 MIRIM (U-13's)- **CELTIC** 0 X 1 BOTAFOGUINHO
 INFANTIL (U-15's)- **CELTIC** 4 X 1 BOTAFOGUINHO
 JUVENIL (U-17's)- **CELTIC** 5 X 0 BOTAFOGUINHO

Nov 07

FRUDINHA - **CELTIC** 0 X 0 BELA VISTA
 PRÉ- MIRIM - **CELTIC** 2 X 4 BELA VISTA
 MIRIM - **CELTIC** 1 X 0 BELA VISTA
 INFANTIL - **CELTIC** 3 X 2 BELA VISTA
 JUVENIL - **CELTIC** 3 X 0 BELA VISTA



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Nov 14

INFANTIL - **CELTIC** 3 X 2 ZEBRA
JUVENIL - **CELTIC** 3 X 1 ZEBRA

The Bhoys are also going great guns in the local cups and all five teams have reached the semi-finals of their respective competitions. A visit will be arranged, once we know when/where the games are. Watch this space.

5. OTHER NEWS

1) Contrast and Compare (1) – Davie Moyes Speaks

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Davie Moyes, of Everton, said at the weekend: "It doesn't matter what injuries or what future plans you have, a manager's first job is to get a winning team with what he's got." By that token BTM is failing at Celtic, and needs an abrupt change in fortune — and fast.

BTM is perfectly entitled to claim in his defence that he has only effectively been in the job for four months. He is quite right also to say: "Give me 18 months, my own team, and then judge me." Given that July 2009 was when BTM took up office at Celtic, and we are still not through with November yet, then clearly this is no time to be making any emphatic judgment about him.

However, Davie Moyes is right, a manager has to show fleeting glimpses of progress from the moment he steps in the door — this much is not unreasonable — and BTM is failing on this count.

2) Contrast and Compare (2) – Sack the Who?

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Celtic lost to Dundee United at Tannadice, and drew at Falkirk, as well as losing to Rangers who they trail by 1 point. The team has lost its main creative player, Nakamura and the summer signings have yet to settle in.

BTM must be sacked is the cry.

Man Utd lost to Liverpool at Anfield, and have lost at Burnley as well as losing to Chelsea who they trail by 5 points. The team has lost its main creative player Ronaldo and the summer signings have yet to settle in.

Is anyone clamouring for Alex Ferguson to be sacked?

OK. Swallex hasn't really got much left to prove in fitba and Manure are still doing OK in Europe but you get the drift?

Statistically, yesterday's defeat to Dundee United has been coming for some time. We had only beaten them once over 90 minutes in the last 6 matches. It was very obvious that Craig Levein knows what to do to beat us. Thankfully he also knows what to do to beat the Huns so all may not be lost.

Owen Coyle is doing a great job at Burnley but for whatever the reason he chose not to take the Celtic job (and THAT is another story). BTM may have been prepared to work under the conditions Owen knocked back or he may have been lied to, but he took the job, because he wanted to bring success to our football club and had the guts to accept it and take it on.

Therefore, he needs support now from three key areas:-



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The players- Too many "big" players letting the club down. Heed with his contract talks and mobile phone on the pitch. McDonald with his feckin lazy attitude. McManus with his ineptitude and his talk of clear the air meetings. Fortune, as his star signing, has to show why BTM wanted him. (p.s. the WBA stats show that they scored more goals with him, but won less matches and gained less points when he was in the team - not a good sign !)

The board- To pay £2m compensation to obtain a manager and then not support him in his wish to improve the squad is negligent at best. £2m cash to Trapattoni on top of the salary BTM and his team are taking would have been a better option if the team could not be improved.

However, Trapp was never to be and BTM was their number one choice, we were told. Lawell should walk if Desmond is making the decisions, he is a majority shareholder not our owner. More than 50% of the shares are owned by other parties. It's not your club Dermot it's ours. January is the key, back him then or sack him now, to do neither is not an option.

The fans - If the players and the board do their bit, the fans will do theirs. We will fill the stadium, we will buy the merchandise, we will sing the songs you want us to.

Not for a long time have we faced a more important transfer window, let's not look to see what the other mob are doing, lets get our own house in order. A house that is currently more divided than at any time since Dempsey stood on the steps and cried "*The Rebels have won*"

3) Contrast and Compare (3)

The records of two Celtic managers:-

Manager A	:	P22	W9	D5	L8	GF32	GA22
Manager B	:	P21	W15	D0	L6	GF55	GA16

The identities if Managers' A and B are revealed at the end of this issue.

4) Contrast and Compare (4)

Sometime ago we said we would wait until Xmas before being judgemental. Somehow or other we feel that our Xmas predictions were maybe a month early.

5) Something to amuse yourselves whilst you wait for the Transfer Window to open

We've been playing this all week. Addictive as feck!!

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6) Even in Volleyball it's illegal to touch the ball twice (1)



Thierry find a sport more suited to his talents

7) Even in Volleyball it's illegal to touch the ball twice (2)



France Announces Modifications to National Flag

...and finally those managers?

Manager A? BTM
Manager B? John Barnes